



**Department of
Higher Education**

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Memorandum

To: Chief Academic Officers and Provost, Public Two and Four Year Colleges and Universities

From: Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Provost for Articulation and Transfer, Ohio Department of Higher Education

Date: January 4, 2018

Subject: One Year Option

On May 5, 2017 the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) held a half-day meeting to address the One Year Option legislation, a requirement of the FY2014-2015 biennium budget, House Bill 59. This legislation required the Chancellor of the ODHE to establish a One Year Option credit articulation system that would allow Ohio Technical Center graduates who complete 600-900 clock hour programs and obtain approved industry-recognized credentials to receive up to 30 college technical credit hours towards a technical degree upon enrollment in a public institution of higher education.

At the roll-out meeting in May, there was considerable interest in the ODHE providing institutions of higher education clarification regarding the processes of ODHE program approval needed to offer the One Year Option ATS degree concentrations. Specifically, institutions wanted to know if they would have to submit for new or additional program approvals with the agency. Participants also wanted guidance on participation requirements for the Proportional Credit Pathways of the One Year Option (those from 600-899 clock hours; where the award of credit would be less than 30 technical hours). Specific questions were raised regarding the ability for individual institutions of higher education to “supervise” the additional 3-10 credit hours to complete the ATS degree for OYO Proportional Credit Pathways under the developed Concentrations, and the structures for faculty and divisional support to offer those degrees. Additional approval from ODHE Program Approval will not be required for OYO ATS degrees if an institution already has HLC and ODHE approval, historically, to offer an ATS degree on the campus. This survey seeks to identify which institutions are currently authorized to offer ATS degrees. Further, for those who are able to offer ATS degrees, this survey solicits information on each institution’s ability 3-10 additional technical credit hours in order to complete OYO degree concentrations for Proportional Credit Pathways.

The information gathered through this survey will assist us in creating future guidance and official lists for students about program offerings and compliance with OYO legislations around the State. If you have any questions before you start or at any time during the survey you are encouraged to address those to Jamilah Tucker, jjones@ohiohighered.org or 614-466-0543.

This survey should be reviewed by the Chief Academic Officer/Provost at the institution of higher education or his or her designee.

Deadline: This survey should be completed no later than **January 26, 2018**.

Survey Test Link:

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